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# Palm Beach County, Florida

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FROM: John W. Dame, Chief Deputy Clerk

RE: PALM BEACH COUNTY ORDINANCE DISTRIBUTION

ORDINANCE NO. 85-22

TITLE REFERENCE:

Amend. 84-10, as amend.; 85-7, 84-10 re: 7 MSBU Waste Collection; define commercial structures, etc.....

Attached is a copy of the above referenced Ordinance of Palm Beach

County. This Ordinance has been filed with Florida Department of State

and forwarded to Municipal Code Corporation for codification. The

effective date is \_\_\_\_\_\_ August 5, 1985 at 3:53 P.M.\_\_\_\_\_.

Signed

Deputy Clerk

JWD:

Attachment

\* cc: Commissioners, BCC

Clerk Minutes

\*If a complete copy of ordinance is needed, please advise this office and we will be happy to provide a copy.

### ORDINANCE NO. 85-22

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTIONS 2, 4, 10, 11, 13, 14, AND 17 OF PALM BEACH COUNTY ORDINANCE 84-10, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 85-7 AND AMENDING SECTION 16 OF ORDINANCE 84-10, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE IMPOSITION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR MANDATORY GARBAGE AND WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL WITHIN SEVEN MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNITS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFINING CERTAIN BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES AS COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS, PROVIDING FURTHER ELABORATION OF EXISTING PROCEDURES UNDER SAID ORDINANCES AND PROVIDING VARIOUS OTHER CHANGES FOR THE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT IMPLEMENTATION OF SAID ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PENALTIES, REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES, EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to amend Ordinance 84-10, as amended by Ordinance 85-7 of Palm Beach County, Florida, to define as commercial property certain buildings or structures containing a dwelling unit or units, furnished with or without rent, as an incident of employment which are located upon real property that is the situs of said employment and upon which are located buildings or structures otherwise treated as commercial property under the terms of said Ordinances, and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to elaborate upon existing special assessment procedures as those procedures affect owners of residential units on which a lien has been imposed, owners petitioning to correct alleged errors, omissions and commissions and owners whose residential units are subject to the special assessment but were omitted from the special assessment roll, and

WHEREAS, it is also appropriate to make other amendments to provide for the effective and efficient implementation of said

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Part I - Section 2, Definitions of Ordinance 84-10, as amended by Ordinance 85-7, is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS:

For the purposes of this Ordinance, the definitions contained in this section shall apply unless otherwise specifically stated. When

not inconsistent to the context, words used in the present tense, include the future, words in the plural number include the singular and words in the singular number include the plural. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely discretionary.

- A. Board: Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.
- B. Benefit Unit: Refers to each of the seven (7) municipal service benefit units existing under Section 1 hereof, unless specifically indicated to the contrary.
- C. Commercial Property: Hotels, motels, or any multi-family residence exceeding three dwelling units under one common roof, and mobile home parks containing mobile homes excluding those mobile homes considered real property under the Florida Constitution and Florida Statutes. Additionally, all commercial (wholesale/retail), manufacturing, industrial and institutional enterprises of all types licensed to do business in Palm Beach County, excluding that commercial property requiring specialized roll-off handling equipment. Also, any building or structure containing a dwelling unit or units that is furnished, with or without rent, as an incident of employment, regardless of the number of dwelling units under one common roof, which is located upon real property that is the situs of said employment and upon which are located buildings or structures otherwise treated as commercial property under the terms of this Section.
- D. Container: A container made of non-absorbent material provided with closely fitting cover, slide bail handles and of thirty-two (32) gallon or less gross capacity.
- E. Cubic yard equivalent: One cubic yard of non-compacted waste is equal to two hundred (200) gallons of container capacity.
- F. Customer: All persons, corporations, partnerships, or other entities owning residential units or commercial property within a benefit unit that is within a franchisee's service area and all other persons subscribing to the garbage and waste service as provided by the franchisee and the terms of this ordinance.
- G. Designee: That officer, department, department head, official, or other persons or group of persons responsible for performing

1 those acts, duties or responsibilities specifically designated by the 2 Board in this ordinance. 3 H. Dwelling unit: An individual living unit with kitchen 4 facilities and shall include a house, apartment, efficiency apartment, mobile home and all other habitations commonly used as residences; 5 6 such terms shall not mean a room in a motel or hotel. 7 I. H. Garbage: All putrescible wastes and all animal or 8 vegetable refuse or residue that shall result from the preparation or 9 care for or treatment of food stuffs intended to be used as food or shall 10 have resulted from the preparation or handling of food for human consumption, or any decayed or unsound meat, fish or vegetable and shall 11 12 include the containers used in the preparation of food stuffs. 13 J. I. Garden Trash: All manner of vegetative and woody matter commonly used in landscaping, such as but not limited to, grass, leaves, 14 palm fronds, tree branches and hedge trimmings not exceeding four (4") 15 16 inches in diameter. 17 K. J. Junk: Any tangible item such as furniture, appliances, 18 bicycles, (excluding motor vehicles) or similar property not having a 19 useful purpose to the owner or abandoned by the owner and not included in the definitions of garbage, garden trash or rubbish. 20 21 L. K. Mechanical Containers: Any portable non-absorbent container approved by the Board which is used to store large volumes of 22 23 garbage and waste emptied by mechanical means. 24 M. Multi-Family Residence: Any building or structure consisting of more than one dwelling unit. 25  $\underline{\text{N.}}$  L. Putrescible: Liable to become decomposed or rotten and 26 27 foul smelling.  $\underline{\text{O.}}$  M. Residential Units: Dwelling units existing as a single 28 29 family residence, or a multi-family residence not exceeding three (3) 30 dwelling units under one common roof, but excluding any building or structure which constitutes commercial property as defined in this 31 section. A residential unit shall not be considered to include a mobile 32 home, unless the mobile home is considered real property under the 33

Florida Constitution and Florida Statutes.

P. No Rubbish: All refuse, accumulation of paper, excelsior, rags or wooden or paper boxes or containers, sweepups, and all other accumulations of a nature other than garbage, which are usual to housekeeping and to the operation of stores, offices and other business places. Also any bottles, cans or other containers which, due to their ability to retain water, may serve as breeding places for mosquitoes or other water-breeding insects.

Q. 0. Service Area: That area served by the franchisee pursuant to Chapter 31118, Laws of Florida, 1955, and amendments thereto, including any and all amendments subsequent to the conversion of said Special Law to an Ordinance by Chapter 83-496, Laws of Florida, 1983.

R. P. Service Year: The annual period of garbage and waste collection and disposal commencing on April 1st of each year and ending March 31, which is funded by the annual special assessment described in this Ordinance. The initial service year under this ordinance shall commence April 1, 1985.

S. Single Family residence: Any building or structure consisting of only one dwelling unit.

 $\underline{T}$ .  $\Theta$ . Waste: A general term that includes the specific terms "garden trash" and "rubbish."

Part II - Section 4, Powers, Subsection C of Ordinance 84-10, as amended by Ordinance 85-7, is hereby amended as follows:

C. To make contractual arrangements with any public, private or municipal firm, person or corporation, for the furnishing of garbage and waste collection and disposal within the unit or for any matter proper for the effectuation of the purposes of the unit. The term "contractual arrangements" includes the power to award franchises for garbage and waste collection and disposal, provided that all contracts or franchises heretofore granted and presently in effect are ratified and confirmed. However, the powers enumerated in this paragraph are limited to and restricted by the powers and procedures stated in Chapter 31118, Laws of Florida, 1955, and amendments thereto, including any and all amendments subsequent to the conversion of said Special Law to an Ordinance by Chapter 83-496, Laws of Florida, 1983.

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follows:

Part III - Section 10, Garbage and Waste Collection Service Charge Prior to Initiation of Annual Special Assessment, Subsection C of Ordinance 84-10, as amended by Ordinance 85-7, is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 10. GARBAGE AND WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE CHARGE PRIOR TO INITIATION OF ANNUAL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT:

C. Bills become delinquent if not paid in full upon the first collection day of the invoiced quarter, within-thirty-(30)-days-of-the billing-date. The franchisee shall notify the Board of all residential units for which a bill becomes delinquent. All delinquent bills are chargeable against the owners of the residential units and shall constitute and are hereby imposed as liens against such residential units, upon approval by the Board of a resolution containing the information described in Section 11 of this Ordinance. Until fully paid and discharged or barred by law, said liens shall be equal in rank and dignity to the lien of County ad valorem taxes and special assessments and superior in rank and dignity to all other liens, encumbrances, titles and claims in and to or against the real property involved. provisions contained in Section 11 of this Ordinance regarding the preparation and filing of a resolution, mailing of the notice of lien and satisfaction of lien are also applicable to delinquent bills described in this paragraph. The initiation of the annual collection special assessment against the owner of residential units shall not release said owner from his responsibility hereunder.

SECTION 11. SCOPE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT; DELINQUENCY; LIENS:

The annual special assessment shall be imposed against the owners of all residential units in the benefit units if such residential unit is generating or is capable of generating garbage and waste on the first day of January prior to the fiscal year in which the annual collection special assessment is imposed, regardless of the occupancy of such property on said date. The owner and description of each residential unit property shall be that designated on the real property assessment roll maintained by the Property Appraiser of Palm Beach County

Part IV - Section 11, Scope of Special Assessment, Delinquency, Liens, of

Ordinance 84-10, as amended by Ordinance 85-7, is hereby amended as

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even though the Property Appraiser's Assessment Roll may not be current with regard to ownership. The annual collection special assessment shall be due and payable upon receipt of the initial special assessment billing notice. Unless otherwise provided herein, such special assessments shall become delinquent if not fully paid by the first day of June of each service year. However, those owners of residential units who may require equal quarterly installment payments of the special assessment, due to financial hardship must make arrangements for said installation payments prior to May 1 of each service year. There is hereby imposed a service charge of twenty (\$20.00) dollars to be applied against each owner of a residential unit who arranges payment on the aforedescribed installment plan. The service charge of twenty (\$20.00) dollars shall be added to the total amount of the applicable special assessment amount and will be prorated with each equal quarterly installment payment. Prepayment of the annual collection special assessment by those owners of residential units who arrange payment on the aforedescribed installment plan will not relieve the owner of the responsibility to pay the entire amount of the said twenty (\$20.00) dollar service charge. Each quarterly installment payment shall be due and payable on May 15, August 15, November 15 and February 15, respectively, of each service year. Each delinquent quarterly payment shall bear interest at the rate provided in Section ll of this Ordinance and each delinquent quarterly payment shall constitute and is imposed as a lien against such residential units as of the date the Board approves a resolution containing the information provided in Section 11 of this Ordinance. Upon the failure of any owner of a residential unit to pay any quarterly installment payment due, or any part therefore, including applicable service charges, or any interest due thereon, the entire annual assessment shall become due and payable and subject to the enforcement provisions contained in Section 15 of the Ordinance. All delinquent special assessments billed and collected by the Tax Collector or other Board designee shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per year on the due but unpaid principal portion of the special assessment, until fully paid. All delinquent annual special assessments

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imposed upon the owners of residential units under the provisions of this Ordinance becoming due and payable after October 1, 1984 shall constitute and are hereby imposed as liens against such residential units as of the date the Board approves a resolution containing the information hereinafter provided in this Section. Said annual collection special assessments shall remain liens equal in rank and dignity with the lien of the County ad valorem taxes and superior in rank and dignity to all other liens, encumbrances, titles and claims in and to or against the real property involved.

If any annual collection special assessment becomes delinquent, the Board, upon receipt of the list of outstanding and delinquent annual special assessments from the Tax Collector or other Board designee under the provisions of Section 12, shall, approve the resolution, described above in this Section containing the amount of the delinquent annual special assessment including all interest provided herein, a legal description of the residential units against which the lien is imposed and the name of the owner of such residential units as indicated on the real property assessment roll maintained by the Property Appraiser of Palm Beach County even though the Property Appraiser's assessment roll may not be current with regard to ownership. Said resolution shall be recorded in the public records of Palm Beach County, Florida, by the Board. Further, notice of the imposition of the lien on residential units pursuant to said resolution will be mailed by the Clerk of the Circuit Court acting as the Clerk to the Board to each owner of such residential unit. The notice will contain the same information required in the resolution described herein imposing the lien. Upon payment and receipt of the list for paid or discharged lien or liens from the Clerk of the Circuit Court acting as the Clerk of the Board under the provisions of Section 12, the Board shall also record a resolution satisfying said lien or liens. Part V - Section 13, Correction of Errors and Omissions; Petition to

Part V - Section 13, Correction of Errors and Omissions; Petition to Board, of Ordinance 84-10, as amended by Ordinance 85-7, is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 13. CORRECTION OF ERRORS AND OMISSIONS; PETITION TO BOARD:

No act of error, omission or commission on the part of the Property Appraiser, Tax Collector, Board, Clerk, or their deputies or employees, or other Board designee shall operate to defeat the payment of the annual collection special assessment imposed by the Board under the provisions of this Ordinance. Provided, however, any errors, or omission or commission may be corrected at any time by the officers or party responsible for them in like manner as provided under this Ordinance for performing such acts in the first place, and when so corrected they shall be construed as valid ab initio and shall in no way affect any process by law for the enforcement of the annual collection special assessment imposed under the provisions of this Ordinance.

The Board shall have the authority, at any time, upon its own initiative or in response to a petition from any affected owner of residential units to correct any error, omission or commission in the adoption of any annual collection special assessment roll or in the implementation of this Ordinance, including but not limited to, an error in including any residential unit on such roll when such real property is not a residential unit within the scope of this Ordinance and any error in the calculation of the annual collection special assessment imposed against any residential unit.

Any owner of real property may petition the Board to correct any asserted error, omission or commission in relation to his property in the adoption of the annual collection special assessment roll or in the implementation of this Ordinance within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the date the asserted error took place. Such petition shall be initiated by filing with the Clerk of the Circuit Court acting as the Clerk of the Board, a written petition containing the name of the owner, a legal description of the real property affected, a summary description of the asserted error and the relief requested of the Board. Such petition shall be considered by the Board at any regular or special meeting. The filing of a petition authorized by this section will stay all proceedings and implementation of this Ordinance concerning the

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property which is the subject of the petition until consideration of the petition by the Board at any regular or special meeting.

If upon consideration of the petition as authorized herein, the Board determines, based upon information and data available through the County designees, officers or parties responsible for implementation of the Ordinance as it pertains to performing those acts applicable to the alleged error, omission or commission, that granting the relief as requested in the petition cannot be supported based on said available information and data, then the Board shall set a hearing at the earliest possible date, not to exceed forty-five (45) days from the date the Board initially considers the petition. Reasonable notice of all hearings shall be provided by the Clerk of the Circuit Court acting as Clerk to the Board. At all hearings the Board shall hear and consider all facts material to the petition and thereafter the Board may grant or deny, partially or wholly, the relief requested in the petition. The decision of the Board resulting from a hearing shall be final, and no petition for rehearing or reconsideration shall be considered. Any person, including the petitioner, who is aggrieved by any decision of the Board may apply for a review by writ of certiorari in accordance with the applicable Florida Appellate Rules. However, this provision shall not be construed to limit any other remedy provided by law.

All owners of residential units whose property is subject
to a petition shall have until the first day of June of each service
year or thirty (30) days from the date the Board makes a final decision
on the relief requested in the petition, whichever provides a greater
time period, to pay the amounts due under this Ordinance.

However, the said thirty (30) day expiration period for
payment of the annual special assessment shall not prevent or limit the
ability of the owner of the residential unit, to make arrangements
for equal quarterly installment payments of the special assessment,
subject to the terms and conditions as provided under Section 11 of
this Ordinance, except that all such requests for quarterly installment
payments shall be made within fifteen (15) days from the date the
Board makes a final decision on the relief requested in the petition.

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Part VI - Section 14, Failure to Include Residential Unit or Annual Special Assessment Roll, of Ordinance 84-10, as amended by Ordinance 85-7, is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 14. FAILURE TO INCLUDE RESIDENTIAL UNIT ON ANNUAL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL:

When it shall appear that any annual special assessment might have been imposed under this ordinance against any residential unit, but such unit was omitted from the appropriate annual special assessment roll, the Board may, by resolution, impose the applicable annual special assessment for the service year in which such error is discovered, plus the applicable special assessment for the prior two (2) service years, if such residential unit was subject to an annual special assessment for each of such prior two (2) service years. Such total annual special assessment shall become delinquent if not fully paid upon the expiration of sixty (60) days from the date of the adoption of said resolution, and upon becoming delinquent shall be subject to the interest rates for the delinquent annual special assessment as provided in Section 11 of this ordinance.

However, the said sixty (60) day expiration period for payment of the annual special assessment shall not prevent or limit the ability of the owner of the residential unit, to make arrangements for equal quarterly installment payments of the special assessment, subject to the terms and conditions as provided under Section 11 of this Ordinance, except that all such requests for quarterly installment payments shall be made within thirty (30) days of the adoption of the resolution described in this Section.

Further, the total amount of any delinquent special assessments shall constitute, and are hereby imposed, as a lien against such residential units, upon approval by the Board of a resolution containing the information described in Section 11 of this Ordinance. Until fully paid and discharged or barred by law, said liens shall be equal in rank and dignity to the lien of County ad valorem taxes and special assessments and superior in rank and dignity to all other liens, encumbrances, titles and claims in and to or against the residential unit involved. The provisions contained in Section 11 of this ordinance

regarding the preparation and the filing of a resolution, and satisfaction of lien are also applicable to the delinquent special assessments described in this section.

Part VII - Section 16, Mandatory Collection of Ordinance 84-10, is hereby amended as follows:

#### SECTION 16. MANDATORY COLLECTION:

Unless exempted by law from the provisions of this Ordinance, all garbage and waste generated and accumulated by a residential unit or commercial property within each benefit unit shall be collected, conveyed, and transported by the designated franchisee and it is mandatory that all persons on the established route of the designated franchisee for the service area in which the residential unit or commercial property is located, shall subscribe to the service.

Part VIII - Section 17, Payments to Franchisee for Residential and Commercial Collection, of Ordinance 84-10, as amended by Ordinance 85-7, is hereby amended as follows:

# SECTION 17. PAYMENTS TO FRANCHISEE FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL COLLECTION:

For the period commencing with the effective date of this Ordinance and continuing through March 31, 1985, the franchisee of each benefit unit shall collect service charges from owners of residential units and commercial property as heretofore; thereafter, commencing April 1, 1985, the benefit units shall pay the franchisee of each service area from the proceeds of the special assessment in accordance with the terms of a franchise contract, for each residential unit within the applicable benefit unit. Franchisee shall contract directly with commercial property in accordance with the terms of a franchise contract, and shall collect from such users for the service provided under the procedures of Chapter 31118, Laws of Florida, 1955, and amendments thereto, including any and all amendments subsequent to the conversion of said Special Law to an Ordinance by Chapter 83-496, Laws of Florida, 1983. All payments reviewed by the franchisee for service to commercial property will be considered funds of the franchise and not the benefit units.

Part IX - SEVERABILITY:

If any clause, section or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared to be unconstitutional or invalid for any cause or reason, the same shall be eliminated from this Ordinance and the remaining portion of this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect and be as valid as if such invalid portion thereof had not been incorporated therein.

Part X - PENALTIES:

Violations of this Ordinance shall be prosecuted in the same manner as misdemeanors are prosecuted and upon conviction shall be punished by fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment in the County Jail not to exceed sixty (60) days or by both fine and imprisonment.

Part XI - REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES:

The provisions of any other Palm Beach County Ordinance that are inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.

Part XII - INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES:

The provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the code of laws and ordinances of Palm Beach County, Florida. The Sections of the ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or any other appropriate word.

Part XIII - EFFECTIVE DATE:

The provisions sections of this Ordinance shall become effective upon receipt of notice of its filing from the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, on the  $\underline{23rd}$  day of  $\underline{\phantom{0}}$  July , 1985 .

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By By Chairman

33 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

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County Attorney

1	Acknowledgement by the Department of State of the State of
2	Florida, on this, the <u>lst</u> day of <u>August</u> , 19 <u>85</u> .
3	EFFECTIVE DATE: Acknowledgement from the Department of State
4	received on the 5th day of August , 1985 , at 3:53
5	P.M., and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of County
6	Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida.
	STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF PALM BEACH I, JOHN B. DUNKLE, ex-officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners certify this to be a true and correct copy of the original filed in
	my office on <u>July 23</u> , 1985 DATED at West Palm Beach, FL on 8/6/85
	JOHN B. DUNKLE, Clerk
	By: Gove Chros D.C